

¹The Court notes that plaintiff names James Smith of St. Louis, Missouri, as a defendant. However, the complaint does not contain any factual allegations relating to Smith.

Because the defendants are located in the Western District, and because the events that gave rise to this case occurred in the Western District, venue is proper in the Western District of Missouri.

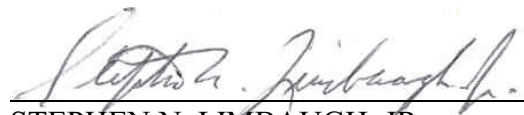
Under 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a), “The district court of a district in which is filed a case laying venue in the wrong division or district shall dismiss, or if it be in the interest of justice, transfer such case to any district or division in which it could have been brought.” Because plaintiff is proceeding pro se, the Court finds that it is in the interest of justice to transfer this case to the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff’s motion to proceed in forma pauperis [Doc. #2] is **provisionally GRANTED**, subject to modification by the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall transfer this case to the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

Dated this 30th day of May, 2013.



STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE